

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A "wood" type golf club head, comprising:
a face plate formed of forged metal; and
a main body portion formed of cast metal of the shape of a wood type golf club, the main body portion including an opening positioned within a ball striking region of the main body portion, and extending generally around the periphery of a front of the main body portion;
wherein the forged face plate is joined to the cast main body portion to cover the opening; and
wherein the forged face plate and the cast main body portion form a solidly integrated golf club head.
2. The golf club head of claim 1, wherein the cast main body portion includes a hosel.
3. The golf club head of claim 1, wherein the forged face plate is welded to the cast main body portion along the perimeter of the forged face plate.
4. The golf club head of claim 3, wherein the forged face plate is curved.
5. The golf club head of claim 1, wherein the forged face plate and the cast main body portion are formed of substantially the same metal.
6. The golf club head of claim 1, wherein the forged face plate and the cast main body portion are formed of steel.
7. The golf club head of claim 1, wherein the forged face plate and the cast main body portion are formed of beryllium copper.
8. The golf club head of claim 1, wherein the forged face plate and the cast main body portion are formed of titanium.

9. The golf club head of claim 1, wherein the combination of the forged face plate and cast main body portion imparts a more solid impact and feel than an entirely cast club head.